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SUBJECT: BISHOP MUZOREWA'S AUDIENCE WITH SHAH

REF: TEHRAN 9328

1. THE FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE WHICH YOU MAY PROVIDE TO
MINISTER OF COURT HOVEYDA CONCERNING QUESTIONS RAISED BY
MUZOREWA'S REQUESTS. WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH UK EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON AND, BELIEVE THIS GUIDANCE CONFORMS WITH THAT
WHICH FCO WILL SEND UK AMBASSADOR IN TEHRAN.

2. RECOGNITION: QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF MUZOREWA'S
ORGANIZATION DOES NOT ARISE. US-UK NOTE ITS EXISTENCE AND
ARE PLEASED TO DEAL WITH IT. BOTH COUNTRIES, HOWEVER,
OBJECT TO GRANTING ANY PARTICULAR NATIONALIST ORGANIZATION
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OR LEADER EXCLUSIVE RECOGNITION AS THE SOLE VOICE OF THE
ZIMBABWE PEOPLE.

3. TRAINING: WE AGREE THAT MUZOREWA MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO
TRAIN A GROUP WHICH WOULD BE LOYAL TO HIM IN THE TO-BE-FORM-
ED ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ARMY. HE HAS MADE APPROACHES TO
OTHER GOVERNMENTS FOR MILITARY TRAINING AND TO THE BEST OF

OUR KNOWLEDGE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD. MATTER OF TRAINING IS QUESTION FOR IRANIANS TO

DECIDE. HOWEVER, WE THINK AT THIS POINT IN NEGOTIATING EFFORT, WHEN WE ARE APPROACHING TALKS WHICH WE HOPE WILL ULTIMATELY LEAD TO A CEASEFIRE AS PART OF A GENERAL MILITARY AND POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, THAT TRAINING OF AN ADDITIONAL MILITARY ELEMENT IS UNNECESSARY. THERE IS A REAL NEED FOR TRAINED RHODESIAN AFRICANS IN A WIDE VARIETY OF ENDEAVORS AND GOI MIGHT WISH TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR MUZOREWA'S PEOPLE IN NON-MILITARY SPHERE.

4. MONEY: IN GENERAL, THE EVEN-HANDED, NO FAVORITES APPROACH WHICH APPLIES TO RECOGNIZATION SHOULD, IN OUR VIEW, EXTEND TO IRANIAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONALIST GROUPS. WE UNDERSTAND FROM UK EMBASSY HERE THAT IN INITIAL CONVERSATION UK AMBASSADOR PARSONS TOLD HOVEYDA THAT GOI SHOULD HELP MUZOREWA NO MORE AND NO LESS THAN IT DOES NKOMO. WHILE WE DO NOT OBJECT TO THIS CONCEPT WE PREFER NOT TO PLACE OURSELVES IN POSITION WHERE WE TELL THE GOI HOW THEY SHOULD SPEND THEIR MONEY. THEREFORE, WE DO NOT THINK IT APPROPRIATE TO IDENTIFY OURSELVES WITH PARSON'S PREVIOUS STATEMENT URGING MUZOREWA/NKOMO EQUALITY IN IRANIAN ASSISTANCE, BUT SUGGEST WE CONFINE OUR REMARKS TO A GENERAL REAFFIRMATION

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